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SUBJECT: TRAVEL US BUSINESSMAN: ROBERT C. RICHARDSON

REF: WYGANT TO HAVERKAMP LETTER, MARCH 8, 1974(CONAKRY ONLY)

1. RETIRED USAF BRIG. GENERAL ROBERT C. RICHARDSON NOW VP CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL, SUITE 1007, 1425 K ST. N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C., IS PLANNING BUSINESS TRIP TO INCLUDE MALI; PERHAPS GUINEA, AND MAYBE SOME OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE DISCUSSED TRIP AND PROPOSAL TO BUY TIMBER IN GUINEA FOR RAILROAD TIES, WITH AF/W. RICHARDSON IS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF DR. ALPHA DIAWARA, A GUINEAN COMMODITY BROKER WHO IS BASED IN FRANKFURT. DIAWARA CLAIMS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE.

2. RICHARDSON IS FLYING UTA FROM PARIS TO BAMAKO MAY 25 IN COMPANY WITH DIAWARA, AND PERHAPS ALSO GUINEAN MINISTER OF HEALTH, LANSANA DIANE. HE MAY WISH PROCEED TO GUINEA, IF TIMBER PROPOSAL SHOWS PROMISE.

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3. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES
IF ASKED. RICHARDSON PLANS TO CALL ON EMBASSY BAMAKO
FOR DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN MALI. INGERSOLL

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